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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT

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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL I TALKED WITH RIFAI (FEBRUARY 19) AND HE TOLD ME THAT JORDAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD INFORMED HIM A FEW DAYS AGO THAT VISIT WOULD NOW BE AT STATE VISIT LEVEL IN WASHINGTON.

2. ACCORDINGLY, HE HAD TALKED KING INTO A REVISION IN PLANS. BASICALLY, WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WAS TO PUT TRIPS OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON (CURRENTLY CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES) AFTER THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THE VISIT.

3. THIS MEANS THAT KING WILL RETURN TO AMMAN MARCH 15 AT THE END OF THE AUSTRALIA-JAPAN VISIT (FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 15). HE WILL THEN LEAVE AMMAN ON THE 23RD, SPENDING THE NIGHT IN SPAIN (PRESUMABLY AT TORREJON AIR BASE). HE WOULD THEN LIKE TO GO ON TO THE SOUTHERN US, PERHAPS STOPPING OVER IN JACKSONVILLE ON THE NIGHT OF THE 24TH. HE RECALLED THAT THE SHAH HAD STAYED WITH THE ROGER MASON'S THERE AND WONDERED IF SIMILAR STOP-OVER COULD BE WORKED OUT. HE WOULD GO ON TO MEXICO CITY ON THE 25TH AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON THE 29TH AS PLANNED. HE THEN THOUGHT THAT KING WOULD STAY IN

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WASHINGTON (BLAIR HOUSE), PERHAPS THROUGH FRIDAY,

APRIL 2, AND THEN GO INTO WALTER REED FOR THE WEEKEND
OF APRIL 3RD AND 4TH. THE NEXT WEEK HE WOULD SPEND
SPEAKING IN THE US AND RETURN TO JORDAN, POSSIBLY VIA
A FEW DAYS IN CANADA THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND (APRIL 9-10).

4. RIFAI SAID HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH ME FURTHER ABOUT
SCHEDULE DETAILS.

5. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH RIFAI SHORTLY TO DISCUSS
ADDITIONAL DETAILS REFTEL WHICH JUST RECEIVED HERE.
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